

Public Chapter 495

Public Chapter 495 was signed into law on May 25, 2021. T.C.A 68-29-104 was amended to allow testing personnel, that work in a private laboratory, to be exempt from licensure if their employer does not require them to possess a state license in the category for which they work. However, laboratory facilities can require testing personnel, within their facility, to be state licensed. In addition, laboratory directors and supervisors are required to possess a current state license if working in a state licensed laboratory. Testing personnel can obtain and maintain a state-license on a voluntary basis. In lieu of state licensure, laboratory personnel must be in compliance with all federal laboratory guidelines. This statute also exempts pharmacies, who possess a CLIA waiver, from the Medical Laboratory Act and allows laboratory directors to monitor medical laboratory personnel remotely.